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SUBJECT: UK RESPONSE: REGARDING CHINA'S IMPENDING INTERCEPT FLIGHT-TEST REF: SECSTATE 2126

Classified By: Political Minister Counselor Greg Berry for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1.(SBU/NF) Poloff delivered reftel demarche and non-paper to FCO and MOD interlocutors at 1215 local time on January 11.Representing the UK wer  
2.(S/NF) UK interlocutors welcomed information presented by Poloff and agreed that the U.S. and UK should coordinate closely in the lead-up to  
3.(S/NF) Allen stressed that the U.S. and the UK had to consider whether raising this issue with China would be helpful or counterproductive. ~~P~~  
4.(S/NF) Saltford told Poloff that he would inform relevant HMG colleagues of the impending test. Saltford also said he would consult with Defe  
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